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4. (Confidential - JMM) Representative Dick Poff (R., Va.) called regarding the Ervin bill matter and I asked his advice about abroaching Chairman Celler, Judiciary Committee, directly. Poff said he would raise the matter with Celler and let me know the results.

Poff later called to say that he had talked with Celler and concluded that from the Agency's standpoint it would be best for us to oppose the Ervin bill rider as a whole, rather than seek a specific exemption for the Agency. I mentioned Chief Justice Burger's statement quoted in today's press about how the judicial system was overloaded. I said this would seem a good argument against the additional burdens which the Ervin bill would impose. Poff fully agreed. Poff thought our next step might be a letter from the Director to Chairman Celler saying that the Ervin bill rider raised certain problems for the Agency and we would welcome an opportunity for an Agency representative to explain our situation to the Chairman at his convenience. 25X1 Poff thought there was no great urgency about the matter.

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5. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied Harold Brownman, [redacted] and Colonel Norbert Walecka, of DOD, who briefed Messrs. Bill Woodruff and Ralph Preston, Senate and House Appropriations Committees staff, on a sensitive Agency project. See Memorandum for the Record.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, the possibility of the Director meeting with Senator McClellan regarding a number of sensitive projects about which the Senator had expressed to Woodruff some concern. Woodruff said he thought there was no hurry about this but we should expect the Senator to bring them up when he has a formal Agency briefing which he hopes to have soon after Labor Day.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, the problem of Dr. Hall's report to the Committee on tactical intelligence. Preston said they had completed markup of the Defense Appropriations bill so the issue was dormant for the rest of this year. However, he said the Committee had not forgotten their displeasure with the way the matter was handled and would undoubtedly bring it up next year.

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